

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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These amendments to Chapter 18 of Title 49 will update and streamline the laws dealing with abandoned vehicles and other vehicles that are impounded by law enforcement officials during the course of their duties as well as make some technical corrections. This bill will also increase the value of a vehicle considered "low value". This has not been changed since at least 1982. This bill will also change the mailing requirements to keep them consistent with other notifications made by the Department of Transportation and require personal responsibility for persons who are arrested and their vehicles impounded.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no impact to the State General Fund, and should increase income to the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Account by being able to serve citations on persons by certified mail who fail to claim abandoned vehicles within the statutory limits. There will also be the potential for substantial savings for agencies due to the change of "certified" mail vs. "first class" mail and the ability to post announcements of sales in lieu of having to publish advertisements.

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